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FOIA Council,

As the Secretary of the Arlington Commission on the Status of Women, I write to provide the Commission's full support for the expansion of electronic participation. As women are often caregivers, both for children and aging parents, they are most affected by the requirement for in-person participation.

We ask you to vote this year to remove the state limit on individual electronic participation by members of a public body. The law is outdated and needs to change.

Please also study in 2021 the possibility of electronic meetings outside of an emergency, as this can also increase access to public participation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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